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**FOR :** FUSED PYRIMIDINONE MATRIX  
METALLOPROTEINASE INHIBITORS

**REPLY TO A RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is a Reply to a Restriction Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. § 121 that is responsive to an Office Action mailed November 25, 2003, ("Office Action").

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper. This paper does not amend the application, specification, or claims.